

I'd respond a little further to Senator Janssen's comments, and, obviously, I am sure everyone's always willing to look at these and the concepts are ones that are appropriate. I'm, only speaking for myself now. I want some time to give a little thought to the long-term impact of whether we want to encourage or discourage early retirement. There are benefits, obviously, on the...I suspect on the cost side, but I also have a concern about some of my best teachers, when I was a kid, were individuals who had been long-time teachers, and I just would not necessarily encourage them to be the ones that would be cut, but I certainly wouldn't want to be in the position of encouraging the best to leave solely because of a financial issue. But those are things we can sort out with a little time. But other than that, I would hope the...Senator Withem's amendment would be adopted.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President and members of the body, I just want to stand in support of what Senator Janssen has said about early retirement because I think this will alleviate a lot of schools of some things they are going to face, especially with the...if 1050 passes because there is going to be a lot of people or a lot of schools that are going to be in a bind, and I think they should have that option of not having their early retirement under the lid. And as Senator Warner said, he'd be more than happy to look at that, but I do want to stand in favor of the Withem amendment. I guess my only concern would be the unused budget authority, and I am sure...Senator Vrtiska, are you around? I'd like to ask you a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR ROBINSON: If that's your name, I'd like to talk to you, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Do you have...do you have any idea how much unused budget authority different schools have? I think some of them have...I think it's...I think some of them have half as much of what their budget is.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I wouldn't argue. You're probably